

Appl. No. 10/043,344

Reply to Office Action of January 21, 2004

Amendments to the Specification:

Without prejudice or disclaimer, please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation of ~~co~~pending United States Patent Application No. 08/649,518, filed May 17, 1996 (now US Patent No. 6,361,779) which itself is a continuation-in-part of ~~co~~pending United States Patent Application No. 08/483,577, filed June 7, 1995 (now US Pat. No. 6,015,688), which itself is a continuation-in-part of ~~co~~pending United States Patent Application No. 08/337,483 filed November 8, 1994 (now US Patent No. 5,922,562), which itself is a continuation-in-part of ~~co~~pending United States Patent Application No. 08/175,116, filed December 29, 1993 (now abandoned), which itself is a continuation-in-part of ~~co~~pending United States Patent Application No. 08/148,968 filed November 8, 1993 (now abandoned).